

## Provisional Vital Statistics for January 2010

**Live births** decreased in January as 5,953 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,211 one year earlier. Cumulative births also decreased as the provisional 2009 count of 78,664 was 2.8 percent less than the 2008 count of 80,944.

**Deaths** also decreased in January as 4,758 Missourians died compared with 5,015 in January 2009. The 2009 provisional count of 54,064 was down 3.9 percent from the 2008 total of 56,278.

The **Natural increase** in January was 1,195 (5,953 births minus 4,758 deaths). The provisional 2009 natural increase of 24,600 was nearly the same as that in 2008.

**Marriages** decreased in January and for the 12 months ending with January. Marriages for 2009 dropped below 40,000 for the first time since 1965.

**Dissolutions of marriage** showed little change between 2008 and 2009. However, for the 12 months ending with January, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.83 to 1.74 because of the decrease in marriages.

**Infant deaths** decreased in January and for the 12 months ending with January. The infant death rate for the 12 months ending with January was 7.0 per 1,000 live births compared with 7.1 in 2009.

### PROVISIONAL RESIDENT VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

<u>Item</u>	<u>January</u>				<u>12 months ending with January</u>								<u>Provisional</u>	
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>			<u>Rate*</u>					<u>2009</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
<b>Live Births</b> .....	6,211	5,953	12.2	11.6	82,056	80,445	78,406	13.9	13.9	13.5	13.1	78,664	13.1	
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,015	4,758	9.9	9.3	54,207	56,006	53,807	9.3	9.2	9.4	9.0	54,064	9.0	
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	1,196	1,195	2.4	2.3	27,849	24,439	24,599	4.6	4.7	4.1	4.1	24,600	4.1	
<b>Marriages</b> .....	1,704	1,517	3.4	3.0	40,355	40,312	38,554	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.4	38,741	6.5	
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,622	1,610	3.2	3.1	22,301	21,999	22,156	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	22,168	3.7	
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	52	36	8.4	6.0	617	574	548	7.4	7.5	7.1	7.0	564	7.2	
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	....	....	5,988	6,031	....	....	....	5,866	5,914	5,959	5,992	....	5,988	

\* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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